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*Maine People Living
Safe, Healthy and Productive Lives*

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Office of Child & Family Services (OCFS)

Our Vision:

All Maine children will grow up to be **productive community members**.

Ensure the **safety, permanency** and **well-being** of all Maine children.

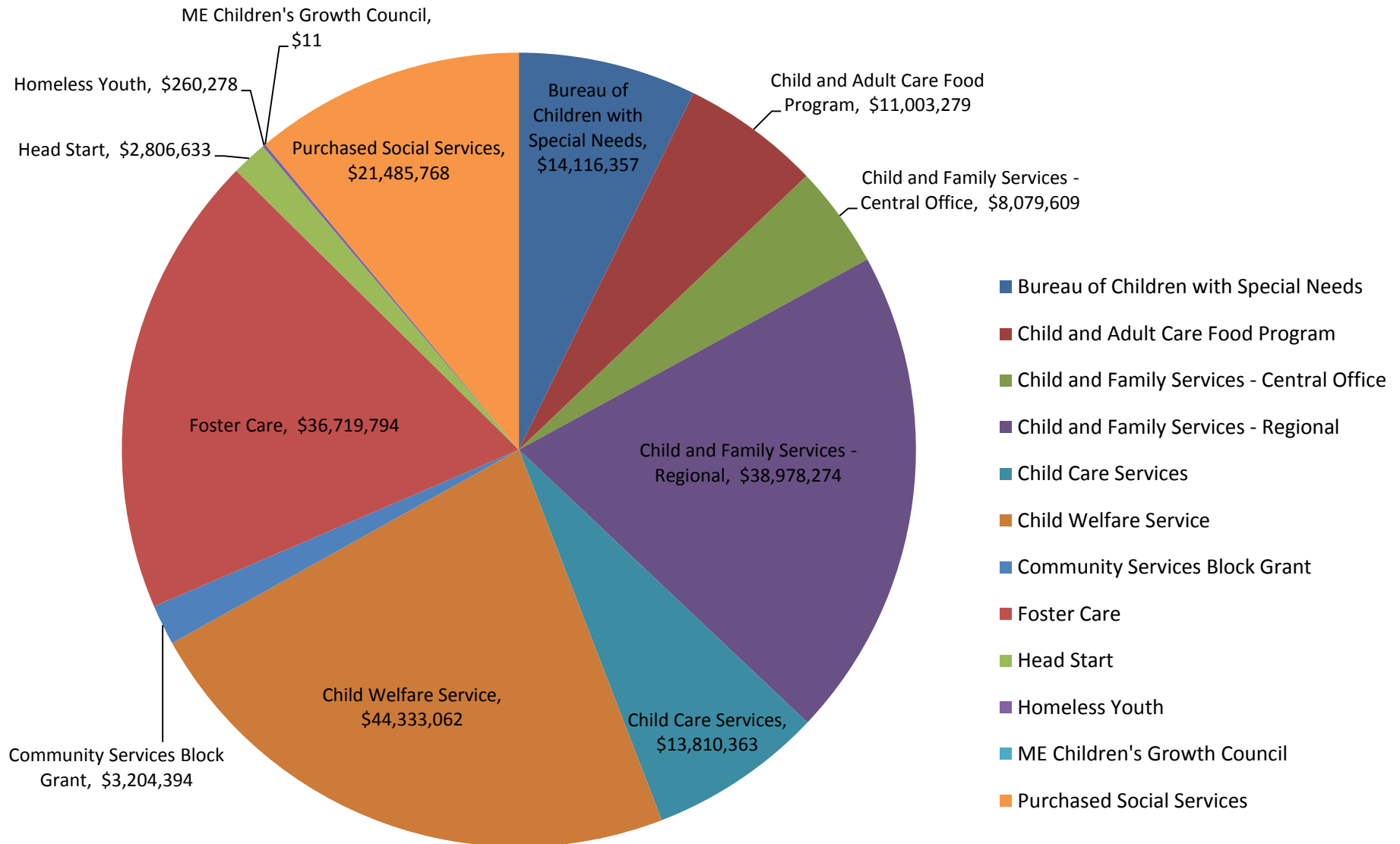
We believe:

- Child safety is **first and foremost**
- Parents have the **right and responsibility** to raise their children
- Children deserve to live in a **safe and nurturing** family
- All children deserve a **permanent** family
- How we do our work is **as important** as the work we do

Office at a Glance:

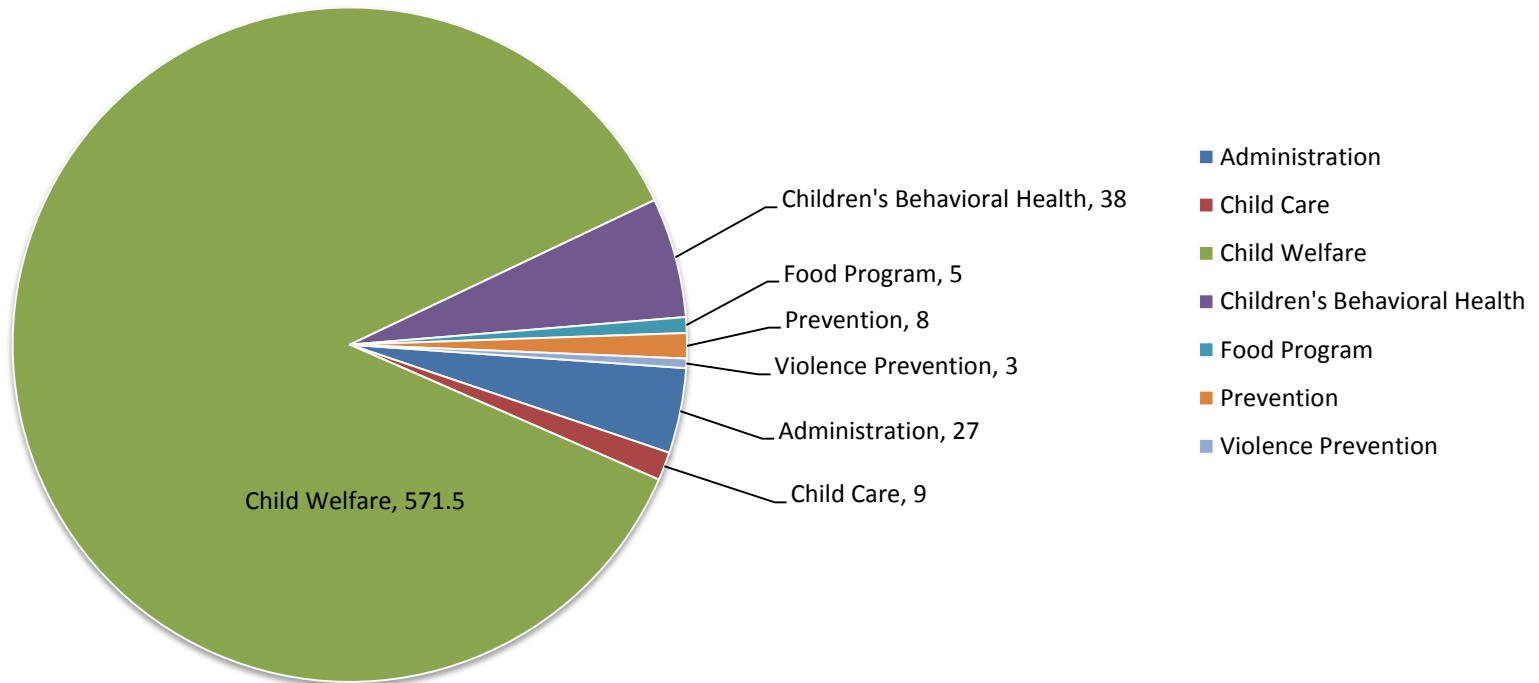
Positions:	661.5
SFY '16 Expenditures:	\$194,797,822

OCFS: SFY '16 Expenditures by Appropriation



OCFS Staffing: Major Programs

Total Number Positions, 661.5
Positions by Service Area



Note: Position numbers include, Legislative headcount, Limited Period and Seasonal/Intermittent positions.

OCFS Primary Programs/ Services

Children's Behavioral Health

- OCFS oversees the Behavioral Health treatment and services system of care for children from birth up to their 21st birthday, including partnership with MaineCare services, policy development and contract management.

Child Welfare

- OCFS assesses and responds to reports of child abuse and neglect, seeking safety, well-being and permanency for Maine children.

Early Intervention/ Prevention

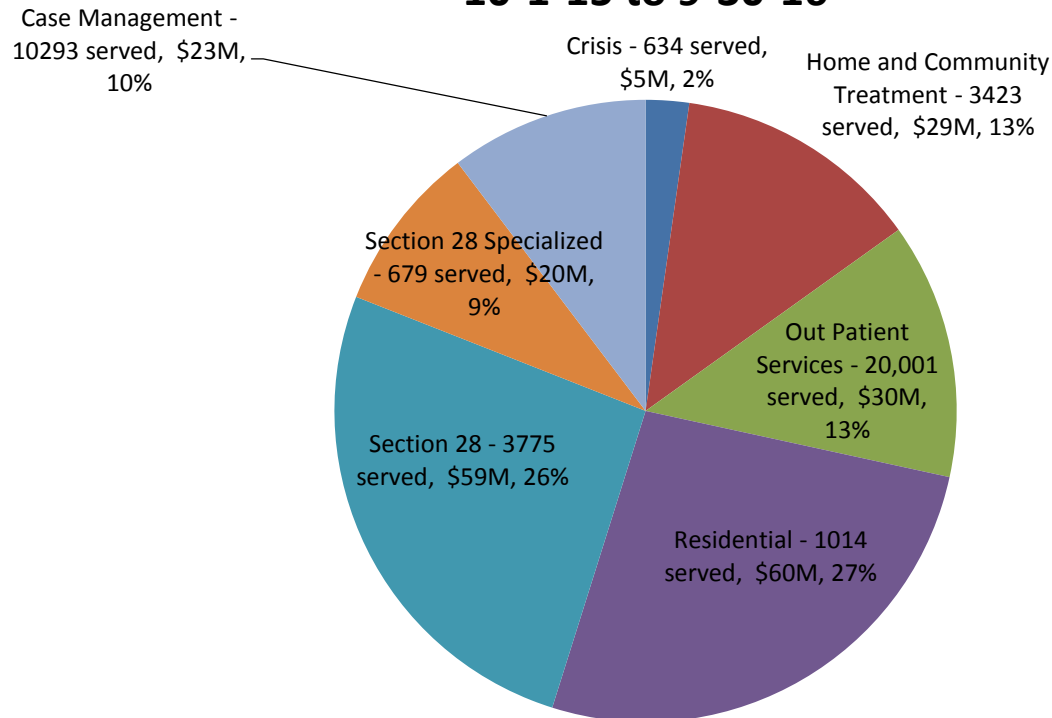
- OCFS works with families early to reduce the risk and effect of adverse childhood experiences such as neglect, trauma, or exposure to violence.

OCFS Programs and Services – Behavioral Health

In partnership with MaineCare, OCFS annually manages and oversees more than \$200 million in behavioral health services to approximately 24,000 children across the state. Strategically, prioritizing use of evidence based practices that keep children in their own community.

Of those services, more than 70% or \$140 million is spent on children receiving services in their home.

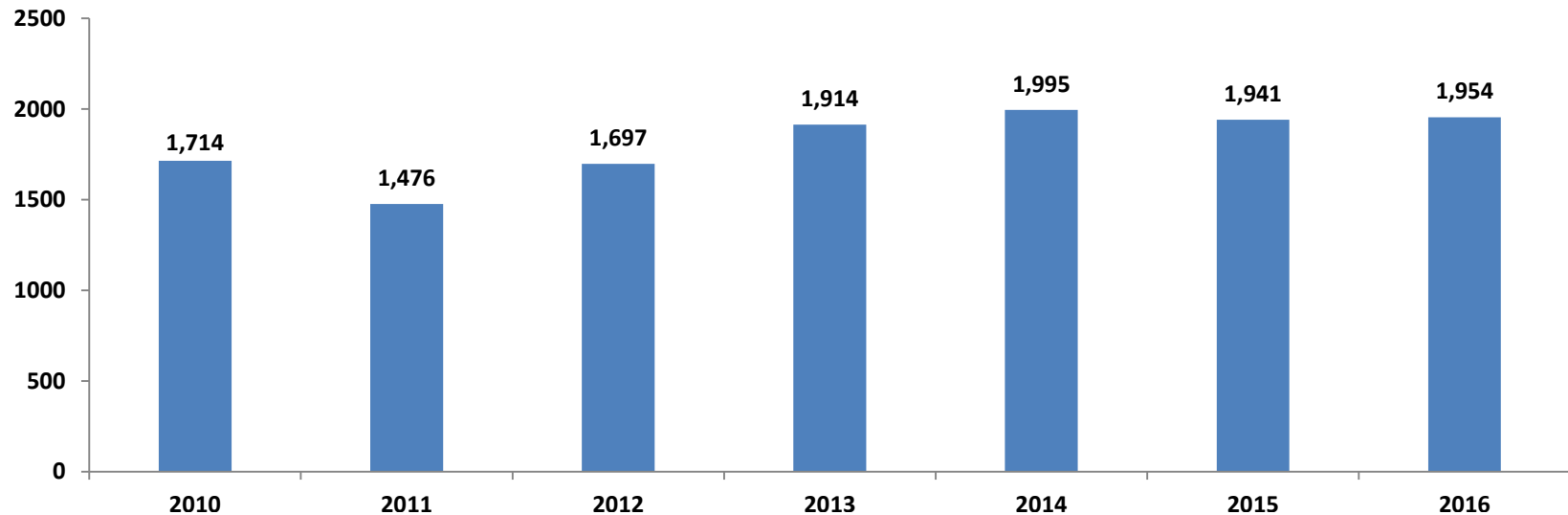
Children's Behavioral Health Services 10-1-15 to 9-30-16



OCFS Programs and Services – Child Welfare

Each year, OCFS receives approximately 50,000 calls at the Child Abuse Hotline. Every call is triaged and assessed for appropriate action– resulting in over 18,000 referrals for Child Protective Services and over 10,000 safety assessments.

Youth in DHHS Custody (Point in Time) as of October of Each Year
(Includes youth over age 18 on a V9 agreement)

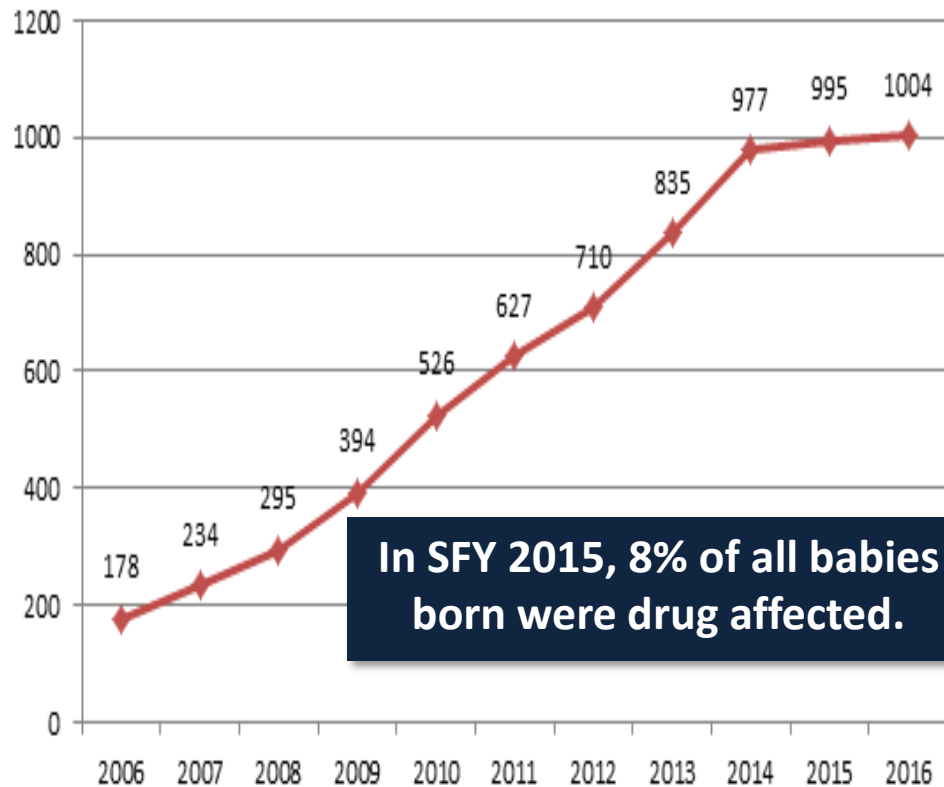


Since 2011, Maine has seen a **34% increase** in the number of children entering state custody.

Call 1-800-452-1999 immediately if you suspect child abuse or neglect.

OCFS Programs and Services – Child Welfare

**Drug Affected
Babies born SFY
2006-2016**




There are many factors that contribute to child abuse and neglect, but **mental health, substance abuse** and **family violence** have seen a significant increase over the past 10 years.

- Risk factors related to Mental Health increased by **113%**.
- Risk factors related to Substance Abuse increased by **68%**.
- Risk Factors related to Family Violence increased by **31%**.

Approximately 60% of the children coming into the State's protective custody is due to parental substance abuse as a risk factor.

OCFS Programs and Services – Prevention

OCFS supports and oversees a variety of prevention and early intervention programs in order **to assist families before there is a problem**. It has only been within the last 10 years the child welfare field has recognized the importance of supporting families from a **PREVENTATIVE** standpoint.



Maine Children's Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe Sleep• Parenting Education
Community Partnerships for Protecting Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preventative FTM's• Parent Partners
Bridging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing• Home Visiting
Alternative Response Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Assessments• Family Preservation

OCFS Programs and Services – Early Intervention

Child Care is a **core component** of Maine's early intervention system. Child Care not only helps with child development and safety, it also **provides parents with the assistance they need in order to focus on creating self-sufficiency and independence** for their family. In partnership with OFI and CDC, OCFS provides the policy oversight of child care services in Maine.

Child Care Services in Maine

CCSP	TANF	ASPIRE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,534 Children Served• 2,195 Families Served• \$396.25/Child• \$607.70/Family• 548 Licensed Providers• 202 Unlicensed Providers• 750 Total Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,716 Children Served• 927 Families Served• \$402.14/Child• \$744.42/Family• 354 Licensed Providers• 246 Unlicensed Providers• 600 Total Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 666 Children Served• 403 Families Served• \$566.50/Child• \$936.20/Family• 181 Licensed Providers• 112 Unlicensed Providers• 293 Total Providers

Over the last 10 years, there was significant declines in family home providers (-29%) and nursery schools (-55%), partially offset by growth in child care facilities (+11%)

OCFS Programs and Services – Early Intervention

OCFS is the lead agency for the coordination of all federal and state funded family violence programs and planning efforts in Maine. In partnership with several community agencies, OCFS provides supports to thousands of families and children who are in need of protection, advocacy, education, legal assistance, and training. These services are supported by over \$10 million annually– across eight federal grant programs and state general funds.

- Statewide Crisis Hotline
- 6 Sexual Assault Centers
- 8 Domestic Violence Centers
- 3 Child Advocacy Centers (5 more being added)
- School based education
- Tribal consultation
- Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network
- Child Protective Liaisons
- Older Adult and Disability Services



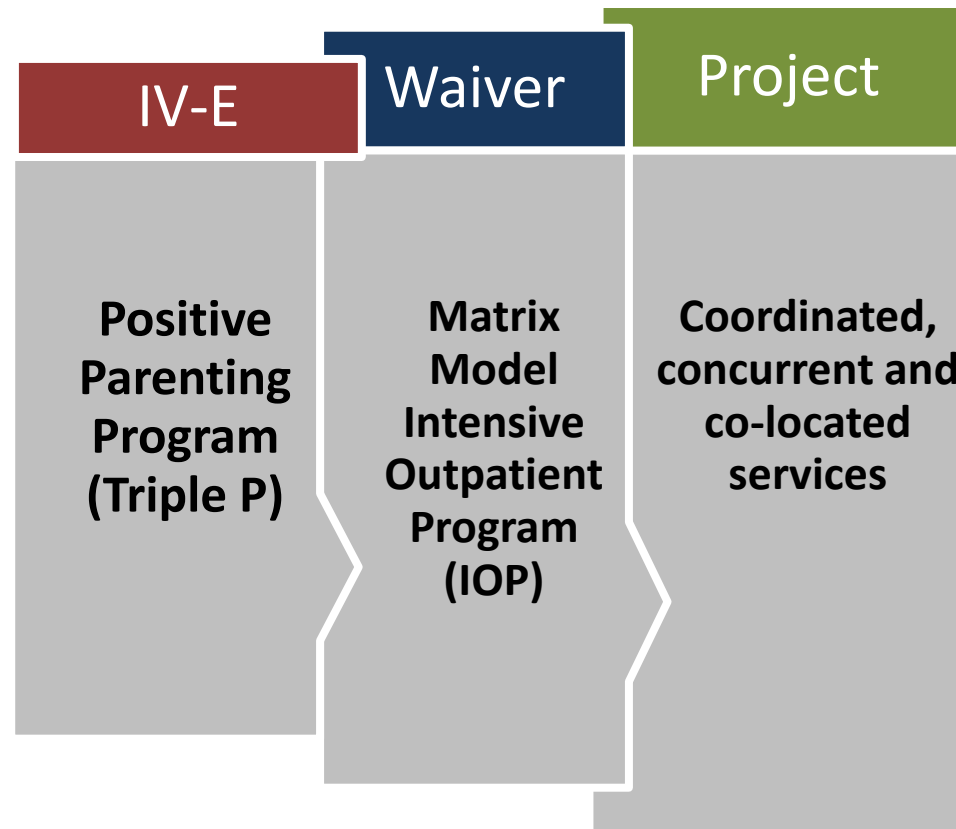
OCFS Strategic Initiatives

- 1.** Decrease repeat maltreatment rate to or **below federal rate** of 9.1%. Currently, 9.6 %.
- 2.** Safely reduce number of children in care **by 10% or to 1,771**. Currently, there are 1,878 children in care.
- 3.** **Increase the number** of families referred to prevention services at intake to 20%. Currently, 15%.

Strategic Principles

- Deliberate focus on objective evaluation and strategic planning.
- Measurement and outcome performance.
- Systemic reform to rules, culture and practice.

Priorities – Maine Enhanced Parenting Project



These services are currently available in 6 sites in the State; Scarborough, Kennebunk, Bangor, Ellsworth, Houlton, & Machias. It is anticipated that 250 clients statewide per year will be served by this demonstration project.

Priorities – Rapid Safety Feedback

Goal: identify children at high risk of abuse and/or neglect and ensure our interventions are providing immediate safety to address concerns

Relies on collaboration between child welfare caseworkers, supervisors and quality assurance staff

Integrating use of predictive analytics into Child Welfare



Priorities – Bridging Project



Specialized Bridging Training
Promoting Increased Knowledge and Skills

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Trauma
- Crisis Intervention
- Risk factors
- Poverty

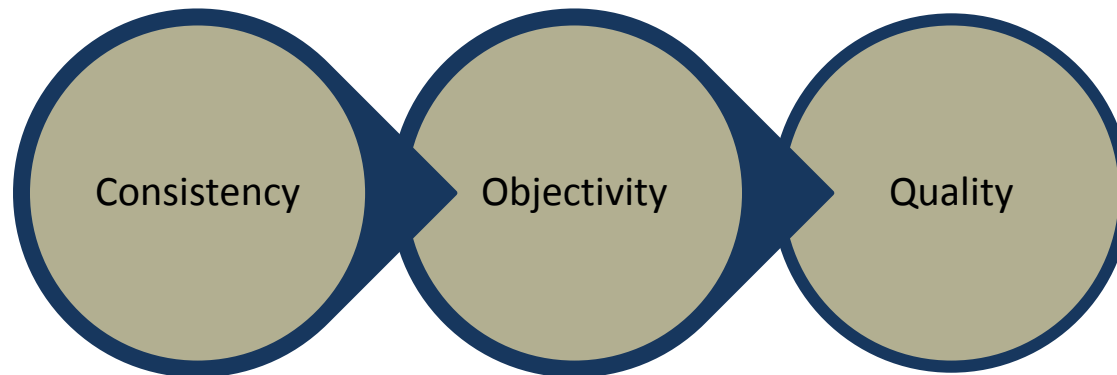
Title 22, §4004-B : All Substance Exposed Newborns (SEN) are mandated to be reported to OCFS.

Priorities – Youth Leadership

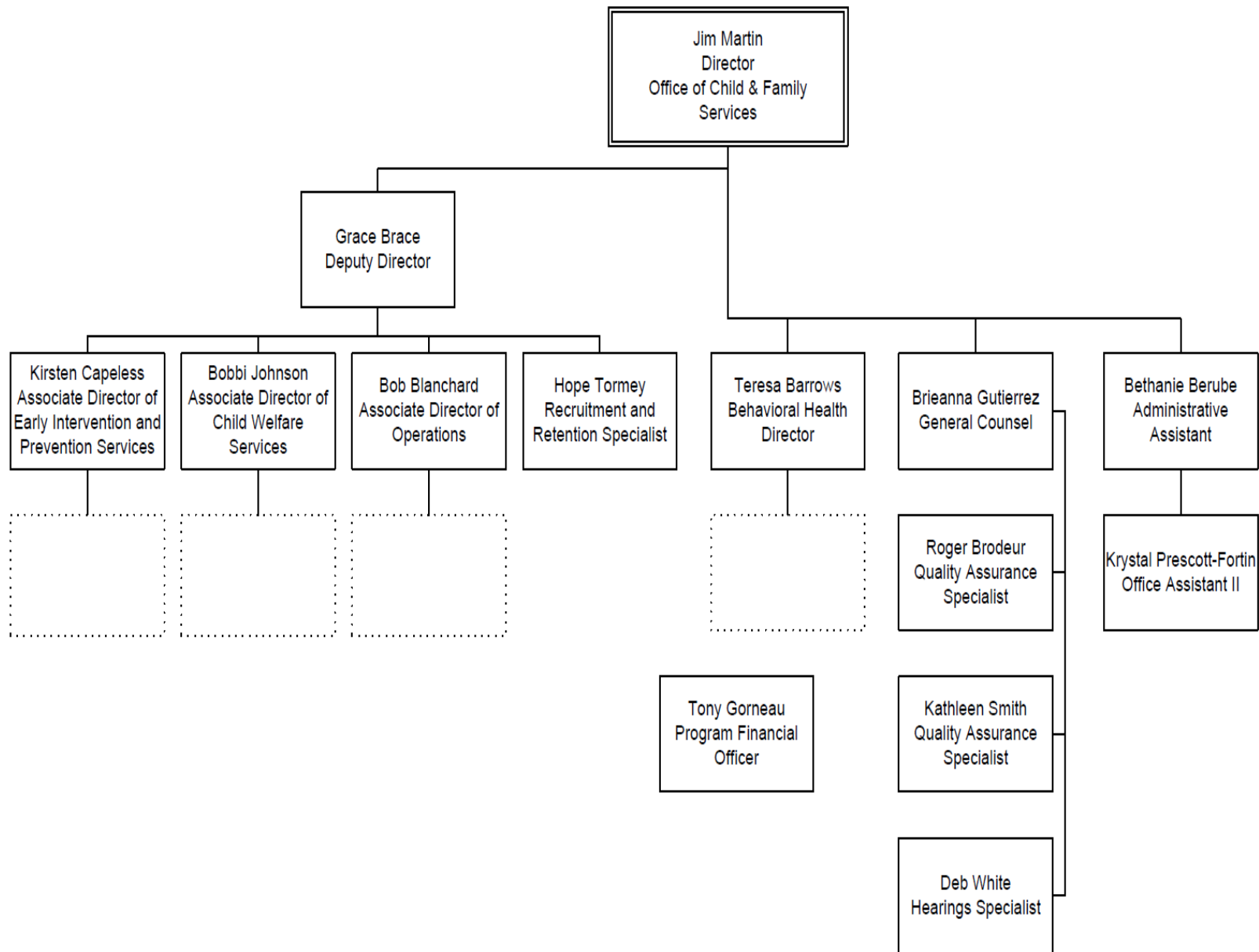


Priorities – Structured Decision Making

Evidence-based tool used at intake to **improve the disposition** of reports and **assignment** of appropriate services and supports.



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If I suspect child abuse or neglect what should I do?

File a report **immediately** by calling Intake at
1-800-452-1999.



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